Vermont Crostic Puzzle

by Rick Winston

Answer the clues; transfer the letters on the numbered dashes to the correspondingly numbered squares in the diagram. Work back and forth between the grid and the word list to complete the puzzle. The finished puzzle will spell out a quotation (from a Vermont author or on a Vermont theme) reading from left to right; black squares separate the words in the quotation. **The "crostic" part of the puzzle ("crostic" derived from the Greek, meaning "head") is that the first letters of the clued answers, reading down, will spell out the name of the author and/or the source of the quotation.** The puzzle will appear every second and fourth Sunday; for tips on solving or other questions, e-mail *crostic@lycos.com*.

1 L	2 O	3 I	4 G		5 I	6 H	7 U	8 R	9 P		10 S	11 I		12 Q	13 T	14 F	15 N	16 O		17 V	18 A	19 J				
20 X	21 H	22 M	23 T	24 E		25 T	26 W		27 U	28 J	29 A		30 K	31 H	32 X	33 O	34 C		35 T	36 B	37 X	38 F	39 D			
40 E	41 C		42 O	43 U		44 D	45 K	46 V	47 F	48 B	49 C	50 M		51 X	52 L	53 S	—	54 D	55 Q	56 B	—	57 T	58 C			
59 F	60 H	61 E	62 M		63 P	64 B	65 E	66 G	67 Q		68 E	69 O	70 F	71 N	72 T	73 X		74 S	75 L		76 F	77 D	78 K			
79 X	80 R	81 B	82 Q		83 X	84 T	85 D	86 B	87 W	88 P	89 M	90 L	91 F		92 T	93 X		94 T	95 F	96 Q	97 M	98 L	99 C			
100 D	101 R	102 B	103 X		104 B	105 H	106 M	107 F	108 L	109 X	110 N	111 D	112 K		113 F	114 X	115 M	116 K	117 L	118 N	119 D	120 B	121 E			
	122 F	123 B	124 X	125 F	126 E	127 D		128 K	129 Q	130 I	131 P		132 W	133 L		134 C	135 H	136 N	137 G		138 A	139 W	140 P			
	141 F	142 X	143 V	144 O	145 P		146 F	147 X	148 M	149 C	150 Q	151 J	152 H	153 B	154 D	155 T		156 G	157 R		158 N	159 L	160 T			
161 R	162 M		163 H	164 G	165 V	166 I		167 J	168 A	169 U		170 I	171 R	172 H	173 V											

A. If you're packing this, you're armed
___ ___ ___ ___
168 29 138 18

B. Kitchen aid (two words)
___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___
36 104 56 120 81 102 153 86 48 123 64

C. Item smuggled in Clue F novel
___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___
134 34 149 49 99 58 41

D. Continually (three words)
___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___
100 154 111 54 85 119 39 44 77 127

E. Condos, often
___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___
40 61 24 121 65 126 68

F. Novel and film with character Wild Bill Bonhomme
___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___
91 146 107 59 122 125 95 76 113 14 38 70 47 141

G. Impersonator
___ ___ ___ ___ ___
137 164 4 156 66

H. 1949 musical with Frank Sinatra as a sailor (three words)
___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___
31 21 60 135 105 152 6 163 172

I. Middlebury College, for example
___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___
130 5 166 3 11 170

J. Seuss's Bartholomew had 500
___ ___ ___ ___
28 151 167 19

K. Rap star featured in film "8 Mile"
___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___
112 45 116 30 78 128

L. Offer as a prize, perhaps (two words)
___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___
98 108 52 1 117 90 159 133 75

M. Bennington to Montpelier direction
___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___
62 22 106 148 162 50 97 115 89

N. Ear malady
___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___
136 71 110 158 118 15

O. Infant's plaything
___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___
2 42 16 33 144 69

P. Football star Y.A.
___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___
63 88 9 131 145 140

Q. Summertime relaxation spot
___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___
55 82 150 96 129 12 67

R. Bungalows; cottages
___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___
161 171 101 80 157 8

S. Regularly, in poetry
___ ___ ___
74 53 10

T. 1980 film with John Travolta and Debra Winger (two words)
___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___
160 94 57 25 84 35 72 23 92 13 155

U. One way to enjoy the item in Clue C
___ ___ ___ ___
43 169 7 27

V. Shy; diffident
___ ___ ___ ___ ___
165 143 46 17 173

W. Steals
___ ___ ___ ___
139 132 87 26

X. Its major cities are Dawson and Whitehorse (two words)
___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___
103 37 20 51 147 109 114 79 73 83 142 124 32 93

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